GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1865
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2002
NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR VISUALLY HANDICAPPED
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA;RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Institute for the Visually Handicapped, Dehradun had entrusted the workof construction of office complex vocational training block, hostel block and staff quarters for its regional centre, Chennai to the Public Works Department, Tamil Nadu in 1992;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the CAG has also critised the matter in its report No. 4 of 2002;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the construction work has since been completed;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor;
(g) the steps taken to get the work completed, in time; and
(h) by when the said work is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. NIVH had entrusted the work of construction of Office Complex, VocationalTraining Block, Hostel Block and Staff Quarters for Regional Centre, Chennai to Public WorksDepartment (PWD), Tamil Nadu at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.23 crores in 1992-93.

(c) &(d) C & AG Report No. 4 of 2002 (Civil) observed that the construction work was started in1992 in a phased manner keeping in view the availability of funds and while PWD, TamilNadu spent Rs. 64.94 lakhon the construction out of Rs. 100.65 lakh paid, the balance amount was laying unutilized with it as of October, 2001 due to ban on construction activities imposed by Government of Tamil Nadu (1995) owing to the reason that the campus of the Centre was located adjacent to a high security prison. Though the ban was lifted an amount of Rs. 35.71 lakh is lying unutilized with PWD, Tamil Nadu.

(e) to (h) While the construction work of Vocational Training and Hostel Blocks have been completed,it was decided that the space requirements and cost estimate for the Administrative Block should be scaled down and accordingly PWD , Tamil Nadu has been asked to prepare revised cost estimates which are awaited.